

# Adult Education

## 1. Are more Kentuckians ready for postsecondary education?

- Increase the number of Kentuckians enrolled in adult education from 50,000 to 300,000.
- Carry out a statewide public communication campaign built upon "Education Pays."
- Establish model adult education programs that are replicable in other localities or serve as statewide delivery systems.
- Train adult education instructors so that increasing numbers of adult learners may be better served.
- Create a statewide information and distance learning system via KYVU/VL for both instructors and students.
- Fund family literacy initiatives in every county.

## 2. Are more students enrolling?

- Increase the percentage of adult learners enrolled in each level of adult education programming who complete that level.
- Increase the percentage of adult learners with a high school completion goal who earn a high school diploma or recognized equivalent.
- Establish a statewide funding and accountability system that emphasizes learner performance and goal achievement.
- Provide tuition discounts to full-time employees who complete a high school equivalency diploma program within one year.
- Offer tax credits to businesses that assist their full-time employees with obtaining a GED.

## 3. Are more students advancing through the system?

- Work with Kentucky's public and independent postsecondary institutions to increase the college-going rate of adult learners.
- Target GED completers in the statewide public communications campaign.

## 4. Are we preparing Kentuckians for life and work?

- Stimulate partnerships among local, regional, and state agencies through the economic development and workforce training matching program.
- Increase the number of adult learners who gain or upgrade job skills using the statewide competency-based workplace skill certification model.

## **5. Are Kentucky's communities and economy benefiting?**

- Create a comprehensive local needs assessment and community development plan for adult education.
- Work closely with ten communities across Kentucky, as part of the public campaign, to build local support for life-long learning.